

# “Evidence Sentences” Notes

## What is an “evidence sentence”?

**An evidence sentence is a sentence(s) that backs up or proves a claim or argument made in a paragraph**

- It provides a fact, quote, or anecdote to back up your ideas or supporting details
- Paragraphs without evidence are called **Simple Paragraphs**. With evidence, they are called **Academic Paragraphs**.
- It makes your writing stronger because it gives you proof that what you are saying is **true**
- You need evidence sentences to support your ideas from now on -- a simple paragraph (like we did yesterday) is NOT sufficient as a 7th grade writer
- Types of evidence can include: statistics, historical dates or events, anecdotes or stories, quotes from “experts”, and specific examples

## **Sample Evidence Sentences:**

1) *I really like cookies because there are so many different kinds to choose. A few options are chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, and peanut butter cookies.*

2) *Mama is my favorite character because she loves her children. Even though she could have spent the \$10,000 on anything she wanted, Mama bought a house for her family, then gave some money to Walter and some to Beneatha.*